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LETTER DATED 29 AUGUST 1994 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT ADDRESSED TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT, DELIVERED ORALLY TO THE CONFERENCE ON 25 JANUARY 1994 BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY, CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEGOTIATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND VERIFIABLE BAN ON NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS

I have the honor to forward to you a Message by the President of the United States to the Conference on Disarmament, delivered orally to the Conference on January 25, 1994, by the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, concerning the importance of the negotiation of a comprehensive and verifiable ban on nuclear explosions. Through an oversight, this Message was not sent for registration as a CD document at the time, although it appears in CD/PV.666.

Could you please take the appropriate steps to register this Message as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament, and have it distributed to all member delegations and non-member States participating in the work of the Conference.

(Signed): Stephen J. Ledogar
Ambassador

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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I am grateful for the opportunity to address all those who are participating in the Conference on Disarmament. This Conference has several important items on its agenda as the 1994 session begins, including transparency in armaments, and it may assume others, such as a ban on fissile material production for nuclear explosive purposes. None is more important than the negotiation of a comprehensive and verifiable ban on nuclear explosions. This challenging, but crucial objective is the Conference's top priority. It reflects our common desire to take decisive action that will support and supplement the global nuclear non-proliferation regime and will further constrain the acquisition and development of nuclear weapons.

Regional instabilities, the end of the Cold War, and the growing threat of the proliferation of nuclear weapons have created new and compelling circumstances to encourage progress in disarmament. Accordingly, I decided last July to extend the moratorium on United States nuclear weapons tests and committed the United States to achieving a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. At the same time, I called on the other nuclear weapon states to observe a testing moratorium, and I do so again today.

I am confident that Ambassador Ledogar and the United States delegation will join with you in taking bold steps toward a world made safer through the negotiation at the earliest possible time of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty that will strengthen the security of all nations. You have my best wishes during this important Conference.

(Signed): Bill Clinton